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BROWNBACK RESPONDS TO NIH GUIDELINES ON HUMAN EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback today responded to new guidelines announced by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) governing human embryonic stem cell research.

"Unfortunately, the NIH guidelines ignore the Congressionally-imposed ban on embryo research," Brownback said. "The human embryonic stem cell research being proposed by the NIH is illegal, immoral and unnecessary. It is unfortunate that the NIH has chosen to violate Congressional intent by endorsing research that relies on the deliberate destruction of human embryos.

"We must fight to cure disease. However, it is never acceptable to kill one innocent human being in order to help another. The responsible choice is for government to serve human life in ways that do not destroy life," Brownback said.